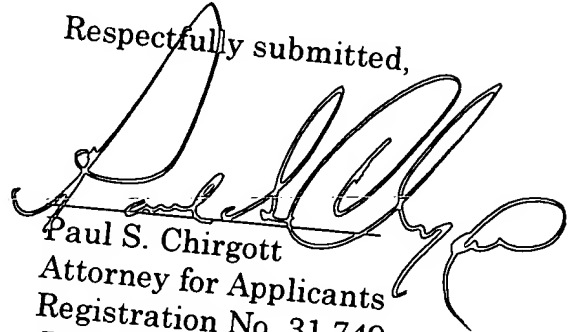


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, Applicants' attorney would be willing to have either a telephonic or an in-office interview.

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